

REMARKS

In response to the above identified Advisory Action and Final Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration thereof.

Amendment of Claims

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to clarify that the task is distributed from the task queue responsive to an assignment of a priority to the task. Support for these amendments may be found on page 20, line 15 - page 21, line 5.

Claims 24-26 have been added. Support for these additions may also be found in the above reference.

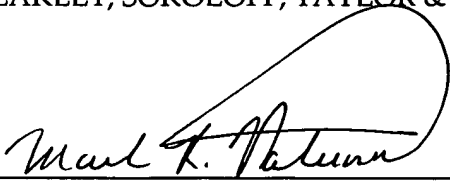
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark R. Vatuone at (408) 947-8200 x237.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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